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In re Application of:

Confirmation No.: 9862

AHMAD (NMI) WALEH ET AL

Serial No.: 09/141,443

Group Art Unit: 1746

Filed: August 27, 1998

Examiner: A. Markoff

For: METHOD OF REMOVING ORGANIC
MATERIALS FROM SUBSTRATES

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Technology Center 1700

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment, in response to a telephone call from the PTO on July 28, 2003, indicating that the Continued Prosecution Application filed by Applicants should have been filed as a Request for Continued Examination and accompanied by either an amendment or an information disclosure statement, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants respectfully request that the recently-filed CPA be treated as an RCE.

This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003, in the predecessor application, rejecting Claims 3-23 and 25-31 thereof. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months) has already been filed in the predecessor application. Please amend the application as follows: